Dear Scott, 11/26/97

Thanks for the generous and valuable clippings with your 11/23. It happens that I've started a book-length manuscript on The Dark Side of Sy Hersh so those are particularly timely. I've just skimmed what is in the fat envelope and I'll read and file it as soon as I finish the writing on the chapter I'm on. I do look forward to some of it! It is a very bad and a very dishonest book. I saw one word in a headline I know I'll use, "slop."

We are holding our own medically and officially, thanks. I had cardiovascular and urological checkups at John Hopkins yesterday and while doing something to and about the prostate is I suspect not far off both were pleased at my general condition. They all think it is amazing that I'm still alive. Which was spelled out by the specialist who rushed me to Hopkins last year

The person who was going to get me a painter who works for the college didn't and has switched to another college. So the painting is not started yet and with this weather won't be this year. Hope I can find someone during the cold weather.

It is surprising that a man with Hersh's reputation would lower himself as he has in this trash. Must be desparate for money. His advance was a million! And TV also paid him.

Hope you are all well and all have a fine holiday season, and thanks.

Harold